

FEBRUARY 2005

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

Major Phil Tilt

## Overview

### Contents:

Crash Analysis	2
Field Enforcement	3
Administrative Ops	4
Personnel	5
Public Information	5

In February 2005, the Southern Command added eighteen new troopers into the academy training program. Although the Highway Patrol has filled a substantial number of vacancies for the Southern Command, competing pay, staffing levels, and attrition continues to take its toll. Southern Command sworn vacancies remain at 13. During February there were two resignations or terminations from the civilian staff.

Southern Command personnel handled 976 crashes as compared to 1026 crashes in February of 2004. This was a decrease of 4.9%. Crashes resulting in fatalities remained the same as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 6 fatal crashes in February 2004 and 6 fatal crashes in February 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 5.7% decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 50 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was one fatality; 9 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 40 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.1% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1059 crash reports and 614 arrest reports during February 2005. This resulted in 5825 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 9.2% increase as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services decreased by 20.4% when comparing February 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 18,572 CAD incidents and 26,865 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had another decrease in overall enforcement in February 2005. However, total arrests increased, DUI arrests were down 11%, other arrests were up 8.6%. The Commercial Operations Section showed a significant increase in hazardous moving violation citations compared to last February, up 73%.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties faced with increasing work loads, pay disparity, and insufficient staffing levels. The 18,572 incidents/contacts with the public in February can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, these contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	February 2005		February 2004	% Change		January 2005	% Change
Total crashes	976		1026	-4.9%		936	4.3%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	735		759	-3.2%		676	8.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	235		251	-6.4%		256	-8.2%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6		6	0.0%		4	50.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	37		32	15.6%		40	-7.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7		6	16.7%		4	75.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4		2	100.0%		2	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%		1	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	50		53	-5.7%		67	-25.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	40		45	-11.1%		52	-23.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	9		8	12.5%		15	-40.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.6%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.8%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.7%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.1%
- ✱ Total crashes down 4.9% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 5.7% from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes down 6.4% from last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	February 2005	February 2004	% Change	January 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	37	32	15.6%	40	-7.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	133	150	-11.3%	211	-37.0%
Other arrests	796	733	8.6%	1054	-24.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	358	337	6.2%	451	-20.6%
Speed violations	1846	2520	-26.7%	2374	-22.2%
Hazardous moving violations	1684	1789	-5.9%	1917	-12.2%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	402	558	-28.0%	406	-1.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	7066	8586	-17.7%	8888	-20.5%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	71	41	73.2%	78	-9.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	44	228	-80.7%	147	-70.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	466	533	-12.6%	474	-1.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	5	7	-28.6%	7	-28.6%
Total safety violations -- citation	120	226	-46.9%	131	-8.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1058	1695	-37.6%	842	25.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	33	117	-71.8%	49	-32.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	32	71	-54.9%	40	-20.0%
Total school buses inspected	334	385	-13.2%	337	-0.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	78	66	18.2%	44	77.3%
Total trucks weighed	197	204	-3.4%	10	1870.0%
Total overweight citations	10	52	-80.8%	2	400.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	399	535	-25.4%	482	-17.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	1	39	5
Safety Violations Citation	1	30	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	1	90	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	4	1
Dyed Fuel Inspections	1		
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.19%
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 29 years
- ★ 12% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ★ 3% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is down 9.8% from last year and down 5.3% from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 160% from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 15% from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	January 2005		January 2004	% Change		December 2004	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions	694		N/A			787	-11.8%
CAD Incidents	18572		19776	-6.1%		23260	-20.2%
Telephone Calls	26865		33207	-19.1%		34297	-21.7%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	103		N/A			104	-1.0%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1059		1088	-2.7%		1084	-2.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	614		415	48.0%		506	21.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9		44	-79.5%		23	-60.9%
Vehicle Impound Releases	135		165	-18.2%		172	-21.5%
Visitors at Counter	584		734	-20.4%		726	-19.6%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5825		5336	9.2%		6233	-6.5%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	452		268	68.7%		324	39.5%
Warrants Entered	358		104	244.2%		337	6.2%
Warrants Cleared	161		253	-36.4%		184	-12.5%
Warrants Validated	1633		4068	-59.9%		2324	-29.7%
Extradition / Transports	6		10	-40.0%		18	-66.7%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	92		122	-24.6%		147	-37.4%
New Items Submitted	192		196	-2.0%		218	-11.9%
Items Disposed	39		14	178.6%		69	-43.5%

\*\*Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

## Nevada Highway Patrol

Southern Command

2601 E. Sahara Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89104

PHONE:  
(702) 486-4100

FAX:  
(702) 486-4038  
<http://nhp.nv.gov/index.htm>

### CONTRACT SERVICES

- 3 Contracts requiring 180 work hours, billing \$10,462.00 and collecting \$12,658.00, on current and past contracts.

### EVIDENCE

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 97.8 % of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 1.1 % of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 1.1 % of case submissions.

### AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- 1 mission flown.
- Prisoner Escorts to Carson City.

### COMMENDATIONS

- 63 from the command to sworn
- 2 from command to civilian
- 1 from public organization

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

**Special Olympics: Tip a cop/ kick off Touch Run/ Cops on a Doughnut Shop:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>, started off the season with NHP raising over \$3000 for Special Olympics at the Tip a Cop program.

**M.I.L.K Project:** Farmers Ins. has asked the NHP of Las Vegas to assist and Pilot their new program M.I.L.K. **Managing Information on Lost Kids.**

**HEAT program: Traffic Safety Classes:** The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Troopers educated several Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, freshmen and the Las Vegas High School Mentoring Programs. Over all traffic safety, career choices, and merit badge were earned. February 2005

#### Public Requests for Information: 57

5 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints  
55were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.  
9 were forwarded to Trooper Kintzel

#### Press releases: 9

7 were Fatal related  
2 were safety programs: Tip a Cop and Primm facility  
1 Amber Alert

"The sign on the door to success says, 'PUSH'."

UNKNOWN